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BY REV. J. SALWEY, JUNIOR.

IT is with the greatest diffidence that in obedience to the wishes of your Hon. Sec., and in fulfilment of a promise rashly given, and since repented of, I address you this evening. I have launched out on a sea of unknown breadth and depth with a lamentably poorly equipped vessel, for my life is, alas, too busy to allow me much time for reading!

However, I see in your prospectus that among the central principles to which all branches of your Society are committed, are these: that a religious basis be maintained; and that education is to be dealt with under not only its physical, mental and moral, but also under its spiritual aspect. Here you will notice is a declaration in favour of discussing the question of religious education, and that in its deepest and truest sense, the spiritual side of religion.

Here, it seems, is something to do with the work of a Christian Minister, and an opportunity which ought to be seized; and though I am aware that some of you possibly hold views divergent from my own, you will, I feel sure, permit me to say something about education and belief from the Christian point of view. It seems, too, that much that can be said upon the necessity for a close connection between education and belief, is by no means to be confined to any one of the Christian bodies of thought, but should equally